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MICROPHONE, SIGNAL)
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COMMUNICATION)
INTERFACE SYSTEM AND)
SOUND SAMPLING METHOD)

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2000-60844. An English-language translation of the document is enclosed.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 8-275279. An English-language translation of the document is enclosed.
3. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 8-305375. An English-language translation of the document is enclosed.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 59-191996. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 5 of the specification of the present application. An English-language abstract of the document is enclosed.
5. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 50-113217. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 6 of the specification of the present application. An English-language abstract of the document is enclosed.
6. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 4-316300. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 6 of the specification of the present application. An English-language abstract of the document is enclosed.
7. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 60-22913. An English-language abstract of the document is enclosed.

8. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 5-333894. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 6 and 7 of the specification of the present application. An English-language abstract of the document is enclosed.

9. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2-5099. The relevance of this document is discussed at page 8 of the specification of the present application. An English-language abstract of the document is enclosed.

10. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 3038167. An English-language translation of the document is enclosed.

11. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 60-22193. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 7 and 8 of the specification of the present application. An English-language abstract of the document is enclosed.

12. Deutschland Patent Application No. DE 2451977.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of non-English documents 1-6, 8-10 and 12 above, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the Japanese Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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